

The Humble  
**A D D R E S S**

Of the Right Honourable the  
Lords Spiritual and Temporal,  
In Parliament assembled,

P R E S E N T E D T O  
**H I S M A J E S T Y**

On *Wednesday* the Twelfth Day of *November*, 1766.


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His Majesty's  
M O S T G R A C I O U S  
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*Die Mercurii, 12<sup>o</sup> Novembris, 1766.*

 **O**Rdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, That the Address of this House presented to His Majesty, and His Majesty's most Gracious Answer thereunto, be forthwith printed, and published.

*Ashley Cowper,*

Cler' Parliamentor'





The Humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled.

*Die Martis, 11<sup>o</sup> Novembris, 1766.*

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*



E, Your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return Your Majesty our unfeigned Thanks for Your most Gracious Speech from the Throne.

It is with the sincerest Satisfaction that we congratulate Your Majesty on the Addition to Your Royal Family, by the Birth of a Princess Royal; ever mindful of that divine Blessing to which we owe the Preservation of our Religion and Constitution, by the Succession of Your Illustrious House to the Throne of these Kingdoms, and of the Happiness we, together with all Your Majesty's Subjects, have enjoyed under their most auspicious Government.

Permit us also, Sir, to congratulate Your Majesty on the Solemnization of the Marriage of Your Majesty's Sister the Princess *Caroline Matilda* with the King of *Denmark*, by which the natural Alliance between the Two Crowns receives such an additional Strength and Support.

We acknowledge, with the truest Gratitude, the paternal Affection and tender Concern which Your Majesty has shewn for Your People, by laying an Embargo on Wheat and Wheat Flour, until the Sense of Parliament could be taken thereon; preventing by this Measure the immediate and dangerous Consequences, which would have arisen to the publick Welfare, and, more particularly, to the Ease and Comfort of the poorer Sort of Your Subjects, from a Scarcity of that Grain.

We shall give, on our Part, the most earnest Attention to the Consideration of every Means, by which the Evils of Scarcity may be effectually prevented; anxious to forward the gracious and salutary Purposes, which Your Majesty constantly manifests, for the Welfare of every Rank of Your Subjects.



jects. Truly sensible of Your Majesty's Royal Wisdom, in having given the necessary Orders for bringing the Offenders against the publick Peace to condign Punishment and speedy Justice, we beg Leave to assure Your Majesty, of our Resolution to pursue and maintain Measures so indispensably necessary for the Suppression of Riot and Licentiousness, and for enforcing that Respect and Obedience which are due to Government.

We gratefully acknowledge the Communication it has pleased Your Majesty to make to us, of a Treaty of Commerce being concluded with the Empress of *Russia*. The Security given thereby to so considerable a Branch of Trade, by fixing it on a just and satisfactory Footing, is a fresh Instance of Your Majesty's constant Care and Concern for the Commercial Interests of these Kingdoms.

Animated with the truest Sentiments of Duty, Zeal, and Affection, we thankfully receive the just and wise Declaration of Your Majesty's Intentions, to maintain the publick Tranquility, as well as to support the Dignity of the Crown, and the Rights of Your People.

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His MAJESTY's most Gracious ANSWER.

My LORDS,

*THE Sense you express of the Measures which the Safety of My People put Me under the Necessity of taking, during the Recess of My Parliament, affords Me the highest Satisfaction. I rely on your Assurances, that you will consider, with Attention, the proper Means of preventing the Evils of Scarcity, and the necessary Measures for enforcing that Obedience and Reverence which are due to Laws and Government.*

*Your Approbation of the Treaty of Commerce which I have concluded with My good Sister the Empress of Russia, is extremely agreeable to Me; and I receive with particular Pleasure your Congratulations on the Birth of My Daughter the Princess Royal, and on the Marriage of My Sister the Princess Carolina Mathilda with My good Brother the King of Denmark.*

